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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69) DATE: 11/26/63

FROM : Supvr. LEON M. GASKILL

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

At 12:25 p.m., 11/26/63, an individual identifying herself as WANDA LORMAN, owner of Wanda's 7 Seas, 608 Iberville Street, telephonically advised that she knew Mr. ALLEN and Mr. MC NEIL, formerly agents assigned at New Orleans, but had learned that the two had been transferred from New Orleans. LORMAN advised she overheard at her bar conversation to the effect that OSWALD hung out at Jenkin's Book Store, 600 Magazine St., and that the Jenkin's Book Store was known as a communist hang-out. LORMAN would not further explain the information she furnished. She could not or would not state from whom she had received this information. She stated that she did not want to be bothered by FBI Agents and did not want to be contacted by them at her place of business but stated if she heard of anything else concerning this case she would get in touch with the FBI.

LORMAN recontacted the writer at 1:30 p.m. and stated that the Standard Coffee Company, the alleged former employer of OSWALD, is located at 725 Magazine St. and there could be some connection between the Standard Coffee Company and the Jenkin's Book Store. Again, LORMAN refused to elaborate on the information furnished at the time of her previous call.

It is recommended that the indices be checked concerning WANDA LORMAN inasmuch as it is quite possible that New Orleans may have had previous difficulties with her. She refused to give her telephone number, claiming that she did not like to "put the number out" and reiterated that she did not want to be contacted by the FBI but would furnish information when it came to her attention. If a review of the indices of New Orleans Office fails to reflect unfavorable information concerning LORMAN, it is suggested that investigation be conducted at Jenkin's Book Store to ascertain if OSWALD known there.

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